

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-12 and 15-18 are pending in this application

**II. Election Requirement**

The Examiner made a restriction requirement between the following inventions:

Group I: Claim 1-10 and 15-18, drawn to Microlithography projection objective, with at least one specific lens; and;

Group II: Claim 11 and 12, drawn to an end plate as can be used in a microlithography projection objective.

In response, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-10 and 15-18) for further prosecution in this application.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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